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**REMARKS**

In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects the species covered by species a) directed to a core member having a fiber made of a soft magnetic material, and readable on claims 10 to 27.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the requirement to elect species in view of the forgoing amendment that clarifies the fact that all the claims are directed to a security thread including a core member having a fiber made of a soft magnetic material having permeability of 1000 or more, or a core member having a fiber made of a soft magnetic material having permeability of 1000 or more and a core thread.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than two species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

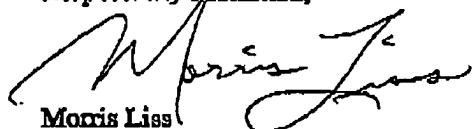
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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21900-00021-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,



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